

Amendments To The Specification:

In the English translation document, please delete the term --Description-- at page 1 line 1, before the title.

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 1 line 5 as follows:

~~Prior art:~~

In the English translation document, please add the paragraph at page 1 line 6, after the title, as follows:

**--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

This application is the US National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP2003/013437, filed November 28, 2003 and claims the benefit thereof. The International Application claims the benefits of German Patent application No. 10258096.0 DE filed December 11, 2002, both of the applications are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading and paragraph at page 1 line 6, after the newly added CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION section with the new section heading, as follows:

**--FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

This invention relates to the field of brush seals and in particular, brush seals used in turbomachinery.--

In the English translation document, please insert the section heading at page 1 line 6, as follows:

**--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--**

In the English translation document, please insert the section heading at page 1 line 30 as follows:

**--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--**

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 1 line 25, as follows:

DE 197 20 648 C2 discloses a brush seal, in which a brush ring is held between two brush ring carriers and the brush ring carriers are connected to one another by flanging. In this brush seal, too, each brush ring requires two brush ring carriers and a slot in the stator.

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 2 line 16 as follows:

~~Advantages of the invention:~~

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 6 line 32 and add the section heading as follows:

~~Drawing~~ BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

In the English translation document, please amend the section heading at page 7 line 11 and add the section heading as follows:

~~Description of the exemplary embodiments~~ DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION